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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 16, 2007, at 2 p.m.

## Senate

TUESDAY, APRIL 10, 2007

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable MARY LANDRIEU, a Senator from the State of Louisiana.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Lord of life, rescue us from the faults to which we are prone. Keep us from saying one thing and doing another; from criticizing others for what we allow in ourselves. Keep us from demanding standards from others which we ourselves make no effort to fulfill.

Lord, keep us from the indecision that cannot say yes or no. Keep us from the reluctance to break habits which we know are wrong. Keep our Senators today from trying to please both others and You. Keep them from anything that prevents them from giving all their loyalty, allegiance, and heart to You.

Lord, give them Your grace, mercy, and peace. We pray in Your powerful Name.

Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable MARY LANDRIEU led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication

to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,  
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,  
Washington, DC, April 10, 2007.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable MARY LANDRIEU, a Senator from the State of Louisiana, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,  
President Pro tempore.

Ms. LANDRIEU thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. REID. First, Madam President, I would like to welcome everyone back here in the Chamber. We have had a week break, and we are king of the hill because the House is out this week, so we don't have to compete with them.

This morning there will be a 60-minute period of morning business, with Republicans controlling the first 30 minutes and the majority controlling the final 30 minutes.

Following morning business, the Senate will debate concurrently the two stem cell bills. Under an order entered prior to the Easter recess, debate on

the two bills is for a period up to 20 hours. I anticipate we will enter an order to provide for designated segments of time to be utilized for those who support and oppose the measures. As previously announced, there will be no rollcall votes today. Both the distinguished Republican leader and I have scheduled our work caucuses for tomorrow rather than today, when they normally take place.

Madam President, I have a speech that I am going to give today. I didn't alert the distinguished Republican leader that I was going to give that, so I yield to him, if he has anything he would like to say.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The minority leader is recognized.

### IRAQ FUNDING AND STEM CELL LEGISLATION

Mr. McCONNELL. Madam President, I too wish to welcome everyone back.

It had been my hope that the House of Representatives would have appointed conferees on the supplemental appropriations bill for the troops before their departure. I think it is extremely important we finish that bill and get it down to the President for the veto we believe is forthcoming over the language with regard to the troops, the language which, in effect, dictates a withdrawal date and also the excessive spending that is also a part of that

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